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SUBJ: IRS REQUEST FOR EGYPTAIR DOCUMENTATION

REF: (A) CAIRO 10719, (B) TEHRAN 5754

1. FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED BY TEHRAN
IRS REP IN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR DATED JUNE 15, 1977, REGARDING
EGYPTAIR. SOURCES ARE CITED. BELIEVE THIS OFFICIAL COMMUNICA-
TION FROM EMBASSY SHOULD SATISFY CERTIFICATION REQUEST MENTIONED
REF B. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTATION NECESSARY.

2. EGYPTAIR WAS FOUNDED BY BANK MISR IN 1932. PUBLIC
SHARES WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SOLD. THE AIRLINE WAS NATIONALIZED AS PART
OF OVERALL NATIONALIZATION OF BANK MISR AND ITS ENTERPRISES BY
LAW # 39 OF 1960, (PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE NO. 36 (B 15)
FEBRUARY 11, 1960). ACCORDING TO ARTICLE ONE OF LAW 39, BANK
MISR AND ALL ITS ASSOCIATE COMPANIES WERE TRANSFORMED INTO PUBLIC
SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS, OWNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT. SHARE
OWNERS WERE COMPENSATED BY ISSUANCE OF GOVERNMENT BONDS. AS
FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, OWNERSHIP OF STOCK IN EGYPTAIR
CEASED BE RELEVANT AFTER 1960 DECREE. AIRLINE IS A PUBLIC
SECTOR COMPANY WHOLLY OWNED BY GOE. EGYPTAIR IS CURRENTLY
ORGANIZATIONALLY SUPERVISED BY MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL
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AVIATION. ITS OPERATIONS ARE SUBSIDIZED BY REGUALR GOE BUDGET.

3. THERE IS NO PUBLIC SOURCE FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ON
DECISION-MAKING PROCESS RELATING TO PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT FOR
EGYPTAIR. BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE, MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
WOULD HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. MOST PROBABLY PURCHASING
COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION WOULD BE SET

UP. IN ADDITION, SIGNIFICANT PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT WOULD BE APPROVED BY PRIME MINISTER OR PERHAPS BY ENTIRE CABINET. THERE IS NO WAY TO OBTAIN FURTHER SPECIFIC INFORMATION WITHOUT DIRECT APPROACH TO GOE.

4. FOLLOWING PERSONS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR GOE CABINET LEVEL SUPERVISION OF CIVIL AVIATION AFFAIRS DURING YEARS REQUESTED:
(SOURCE: EGYPTIAN PRESS)

1973 - AHMAD NUH (MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND THEN MINISTER OF CIVIAL AVIATION, FROM JAN, 1971 TO APRIL, 1974)

1974 - IBRAHIM NAQUIB IBRAHIM (MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION, APRIL, 1974 - APRIL, 1975)
MUHAMMAD AL-SISI (DEPUTY MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION FROM OCTOBER, 1974 TO APRIL, 1975)

1975 - HAMDI ABU ZAID (MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION FROM APRIL, 1975 TO APRIL, 1976).
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